REMARKS

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-56) on the merits with traverse. Examination of claims 1-56 is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Reply. If any fees are due, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, due in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account Number 19-2167.

Allowance of all pending claims is believed to be warranted and is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned to discuss the merits of this patent application.

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